MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) About a furlong.

(*c*) Government are not aware.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (e), this does not arise.

Want of adequate accommodation in the Kanjirapally Sirkar English High School.

9. MR. K. T. MICHAEL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of pupils at present in the Kanjirapally Sirkar English High School;

(*b*) the number of pupils which the existing buildings will accommodate;

(*c*) whether any representation has been received by the authorities regarding the absolute inadequacy of accommodation; and

(*d*) if any representation has been received what steps have been taken by the Government or what steps they propose to take?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) 423 (as on 15-11-1120).

(*b*) About 345 pupils (in the existing 8 rooms).

(*c*) No representation has been received; but the Headmaster of the school as well as the Division Inspector of Schools, Tiruvalla have reported the necessity for providing additional accommodation.

(*d*) The erection of a semi-permanent shed 60' × 18' for the use of the school has been sanctioned and the work will be executed soon.

Opening a dispensary at Moothakunnam.

10. MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the necessity of opening a dispensary at Moothakunnam in Vadakkekara pakuthi in Parur taluk?

MR. B. PARAMU: The answer is in the affirmative.

Royal trees.

11. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many kudivila applications in respect of royal trees are now pending in the State;

(*b*) what is the longest period during which applications are pending or kudivila stands due from the date of felling;

(*c*) what is the shortest time within which kudivila has been paid;

(*d*) which forest division has pending on its file the oldest kudivila applications;

(*e*) are there any definite rules governing the disposal of applications for kudivila or payment without such applications; if there are, have such rules been published;

(*f*) whether they would be pleased to place a copy on the table;

(*g*) have such rules if any been published by Government so as to bind and guide applicants for kudivila (not the department);

(*h*) whether they are [illegible]

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(*i*) whether they are aware of the complaint of the Forest Department that the revenue authorities are not co-operating in time with the Forest Department for identification of land and ascertainment of the holders of such lands ;

(*j*) whether they are aware that even when the fellings are from Edavagai lands, a Government Proverthicar has to be present under the present rules for the preparation of the joint mahazar ;

(*k*) whether they are aware that there have been instances of avoidable delays ;

(*l*) whether there is any provision under which the officer or officers responsible for the delay can be made liable for interest or damages ; and

(*m*) what formal steps the Forest Department has to take before awarding kudivila—*e. g.*, joint mahazar, dressing of logs, registry to supply contractors, entry in Range stocks, entry in further different registers, issue of receipts from the Range office, enquiry into claim, production of taluk certificate, etc. ?

MR. B. PARAMU : (*a*) 379.

(*b*) The longest period during which the applications are pending after the claim is fully established is four months. But kudivila has to be disbursed for fellings made from 1096 also in some cases owing to the non-production of proper records by the claimants to establish their claim to kudivila.

(*c*) About four months.

(*d*) Southern Division.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A copy is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*g*) Vide Answer to question (*e*) above.

(*h*) Joint mahazars are usually prepared at the time of felling and before removal.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) Yes. The presence of the Sirkar Proverthicar is necessary to state definitely that the felling area does not include any poramboke or other Sirkar or private lands not pertaining to the Edavagai.

(*k*) No instances of avoidable delays.

(*l*) No. Does not arise in view of answer to part (*k*).

(*m*) The following are the different steps the Department has to take before making payments of kudivila :

(i) Marking of trees for felling.
(ii) Felling and dressing.
(iii) Preparation of joint mahazars.
(iv) Registry of logs for removal.
(v) Issue of kudivila receipts to land owners.
(vi) Measurement of logs delivered at depots and their check measurement by Divisional Forest Officer.
(vii) Preparation of kudivila statements.
(viii) Investigation and settlement of claims.
(ix) Notification in the Gazette inviting counter-claims, if any.
(x) Preparation of bills and attestation by parties.

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